IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-68 (Cancelled).

69. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting formatted text from a streaming server to a client using a Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) in a communication system, wherein the formatted text comprises a plurality of text samples that are associated with at least one text sample format description, and wherein the at least one text sample format description is signaled in-band to the client, the method being performed by the streaming server and comprising:

determining whether a text sample format description for a particular text sample to be added to at least one data packet is already included in the at least one data packet for another text sample within the at least one data packet, wherein the at least one data packet is to be transmitted to the client during a given communication session,

if the text sample format description for said particular text sample to be added to the at least one data packet is already included in the at least one data packet, adding said particular text sample to the at least one data packet without adding the text sample format description for said particular text sample,

if the text sample format description for said particular text sample to be added to the at least one data packet is not already included in the at least one data packet, determining whether

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the text sample format description for said <u>particular</u> text sample has already been provided to

the client for another earlier text sample <u>by being included</u> in a previously transmitted data

packet <u>in said communication session,</u>

if the text sample format description for said <u>particular</u> text sample has already been

provided to the client <u>for another earlier text sample by being included in a previously</u>

<u>transmitted data packet in said communication session</u>, adding said <u>particular</u> text sample to the

at least one data packet <u>without adding the text sample format description for said particular text</u>

<u>sample,</u>

if the text sample format description for said <u>particular</u> text sample <u>is not already</u>

<u>included in said at least one data packet for another text sample within the at least one data</u>

<u>packet and</u> has not already been provided to the client <u>for another earlier text sample by being</u>

<u>included in a previously transmitted data packet in said communication session</u>, adding said

<u>particular</u> text sample and its text sample format description to the at least one data packet, and

transmitting the at least one data packet to the client.

70. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 69 wherein ~~adding said text sample to the at least one data packet comprises~~ <u>when the particular text sample is added to the</u>

<u>at least one data packet without adding the text sample format description for said particular text</u>

<u>sample,</u> ~~adding~~ at least one sample identifier <u>is added</u> to the at least one data packet, wherein the

sample identifier provides a mapping between one of a plurality of text sample format

descriptions and said <u>particular</u> text sample.

71. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, further comprising maintaining information on text sample format descriptions that have been provided to the client.

72. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 71, wherein the maintained information comprises data on the provided text sample format descriptions, data on the at least one data packet in which the text sample format description has been transmitted, and at least one sample identifier.

73. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 70, further comprising determining at least one data packet that has been previously transmitted to the client in which the text sample format description for said particular text sample has been transmitted to the client based on maintained information, if it is determined that the text sample format description for said particular text sample has already been provided for the earlier text sample in the previously transmitted data packet.

74. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 73, further comprising determining whether the determined at least one data packet has been acknowledged by the client, and

if so, reusing the sample identifier used in said determined at least one data packet for mapping said particular text sample to be transmitted to a provided text sample format description.

75. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 74, wherein said <u>particular</u> text sample and its text sample format description are added to the at least one data packet to be transmitted to the client, if it has been determined that the determined at least one data packet previously transmitted to the client has not been acknowledged by the client.

76. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 74, wherein the at least one data packet comprises a header and a payload section, and

wherein the header of a data packet comprises the reused sample identifier, if it has been determined that a text sample format description for a text sample to be transmitted has already been provided for an earlier text sample.

77. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, wherein the at least one data packet to be transmitted to the client comprises multiple text samples and one or more associated text sample format descriptions.

78. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, wherein a header of each data packet comprises at least one sample identifier and at least one text sample format description, if it has been determined that the text sample format description for said text sample has not already been provided for an earlier text sample.

79. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, wherein a header of the data packet comprises at least one sample identifier, if it has been determined that the text

sample format description for said text sample has already been provided for an earlier text sample.

80. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, wherein the at least one data packet comprises a header and a payload section.

81. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 80, wherein the payload section comprises at least one sample identifier and at least one of the plurality of text samples.

82. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 72, wherein determining whether the text sample format description for said particular text sample has already been provided for an earlier text sample is based on the maintained information.

83. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 82, wherein a predetermined, limited number of sample identifiers is available, and

a sample identifier is reused for the provision of a new text sample format description and said particular text sample, if it has been determined that the text sample format description for said particular text sample has not already been provided for an earlier text sample and if all available sample identifiers have been used for mapping other text samples to their text sample format descriptions.

84. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 83, wherein the maintained information on provided text sample format descriptions is updated upon reuse of a sample identifier.

85. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 83, wherein the maintained information further comprises a time stamp for each sample identifier indicating the latest insertion of the sample identifier into a data packet transmitted to the client.

86. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 85, further comprising reusing the sample identifier with the earliest time stamp for the transmission of a new text sample format description to the client.

87. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, wherein the at least one data packet comprises at least one text sample format description only.

88. (Currently Amended) A streaming server transmitting formatted text to a client via a communication system using a Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP), wherein the formatted text comprises a plurality of text samples that are associated with at least one text sample format description, and wherein the at least one text sample format description is signaled in-band to the client, the streaming server comprising:

a packet forming unit operable to form at least one data packet to be transmitted to the client during a given communication session,

a processing unit operable to determine whether a text sample format description for a

particular text sample to be added to the at least one data packet is already included in the at least

one data packet for another text sample within the at least one data packet; and

a transmission unit operable to transmit the at least one data packet to the client, wherein:

the packet forming unit is operable to add said particular text sample to the at least one

data packet without adding the text sample format description for said particular text sample, if

the processing unit has determined that the text sample format description for said particular text

sample is already included in the at least one data packet,

the processing unit is further operable to determine whether the text sample format

description for said particular text sample has already been provided to the client for another

earlier text sample in a previously transmitted data packet during the given communication

session, if the text sample format description for said particular text sample to be added to the at

least one data packet is not already included in the at least one data packet, and

the packet forming unit is further operable to add the particular text sample to be

transmitted to the at least one data packet to be transmitted without adding the text sample

format description for said particular text sample, if the processing unit has determined that the

text sample format description for said particular text sample has already been provided for an

earlier text sample in the previously transmitted data packet during the given communication

session, and to add said particular text sample and its text sample format description to the at

least one data packet, if the processing unit has determined that the text sample format

description for said particular text sample is not already included in said at least one data packet

for another text sample within the at least one data packet and has not already been provided for

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an earlier text sample in the previously transmitted data packet during the given communication session.

89. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a client in a communication system to receive formatted text from a streaming server using a Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP), wherein the formatted text comprises a plurality of text samples associated with at least one text sample format description, the method being performed by the client and comprising:

receiving a data packet from the streaming server during a given communication session, wherein the data packet comprises at least one text sample,

determining for a ~~respective~~ particular text sample comprised in the data packet, whether the data packet further comprises [[a]] an associated text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample,

if the received data packet comprises the associated text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample, selecting the associated text sample format description within the received data packet for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample,

if the received data packet does not comprise the text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample, determining whether the text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample within the received data packet has been included in a data packet received earlier during the given communication session,

if the text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample has been included in the data packet received earlier during the given communication session, selecting a

text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample from the data packet

received earlier during the given communication session, and

formatting the ~~respective~~ particular text sample using the selected text sample format

description.

90. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 89, wherein the received data

packet further comprises at least one sample identifier mapping at least one text sample within

the data packet to its text sample format description.

91. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 90, further comprising

maintaining information on text sample format descriptions provided in data packets that have

been received previously.

92. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 91, wherein the maintained

information comprises data on text sample format descriptions, and their sample identifiers.

93. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 89, wherein selecting the

associated text sample format description for the respective text sample uses a sample identifier

associated with the respective text sample to identify its text sample format description in the

received data packet or from text sample format descriptions already available at the client.

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94. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 91, further comprising updating the maintained information based on a new text sample format description, if the data packet comprises the new text sample format description associated with a sample identifier that is already associated with another text sample format description in the maintained information.

95. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 89, further comprising transmitting an acknowledgement for the received data packet to the streaming server.

96. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 89, further comprising:

receiving another data packet comprising only at least one text sample format description and

storing the at least one text sample format description received.

97. (Currently Amended) A client for receiving formatted text from a streaming server using a Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP), wherein the formatted text comprises a plurality of text samples associated with at least one text sample format description, the client comprising:

a receiving unit operable to receive a data packet from the streaming server during a communication session, wherein the data packet comprises at least one text sample,

a processing unit operable to determine for each respective particular text sample within the data packet, whether the data packet further comprises [[a]] an associated text sample format description for the respective particular text sample within the received data packet, and

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a selection unit operable to select [[an]] the associated text sample format description within the data packet for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample, if it is determined by the processing unit that the received data packet includes the associated text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample, wherein:

the processing unit is further operable to determine whether the associated text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample has been included in a data packet received earlier at the client during the given communication session, if the received data packet does not include the associated text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample,

the selection unit is further operable to select a text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample within the received data packet from text sample format descriptions already ~~available~~ received at the client during the given communication session, if it is determined by the processing unit that the associated text sample format description for the ~~respective~~ particular text sample has been included in a data packet received earlier during the given communication session, and

the client further comprises a text formatting unit operable to format the ~~respective~~ particular text sample using the selected text sample format description.